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In the Matter of an Application)	
Ъу)	Administrative Action
MARY E. KOHLER, D.M.D.	,	CONSENT ORDER
For Licensure to Practice)	
Dentistry in the State of New Jersey)	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry on the application of Mary E. Kohler, D.D.S., for licensure to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey. In her application, Dr. Kohler admitted that she had used narcotics and had received treatment for a substance abuse problem. The Board received additional information from Dr. Herbert J. McBride, who is the Medical Director of New Beginnings at Lakehurst (the treatment program which Dr. Kohler entered) and Dr. Kohler's treating physician, as well as from the Impaired Dentists Program. The Board being satisfied that Dr. Kohler has successfully completed an in-patient treatment program and has, to date, complied with all aspects of the continuing after care program, including random urine monitoring and attendance at AA/NA meetings; and the Board being further satisfied that Dr. Kohler has suffered no relapse since she began treatment for her substance abuse problem; and it further appearing that Dr. Kohler meets all statutory requirements for

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licensure; and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1988,

ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. A license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey shall forthwith be issued to Mary E. Kohler, D.M.D., with the following conditions:
- a. Dr. Kohler shall continue to have her urine monitored on a random basis two (2) times weekly at New Beginnings, or another designee of the Board, for the next 2 years. Such urine monitoring shall include all the usual tests by that facility, including any confirming tests, and all such testing shall be at the expense of Dr. Kohler. Specifically, the urine shall first be screened by the EMIT test with automatic confirmation by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry in the event of a positive test. Dr. Kohler shall cause and permit the staff at New Beginnings, or other Board designee, to report confirmed positive urines verbally to William Gutman, Executive Director of the State Board of Dentistry, as soon as such test results are available; such verbal reports shall be confirmed in writing.
- b. Dr. Kohler shall receive therapy from Dr. Herbert

 J. McBride for 2 years following entry of this Order at a

 frequency of six (6) times a year (every 2 months). Dr. Kohler

 shall cause McBride to supply semi-annual reports to the Board on

 Dr. Kohler's attendance and progress in therapy. Dr. McBride

 shall submit an immediate written report (within 24 hours of

 discovery) to the Board upon his observation of any condition,

 signs, symptoms or information which may be indicative of substance

abuse or impairment. Dr. Kohler shall supply Dr. McBride with an appropriate release which shall specifically permit such reporting to the Board. An immediate report shall also be submitted in the event Dr. Kohler ceases seeing Dr. McBride or modifies any other part of the treatment program. In the event the relationship with Dr. McBride terminates for any reason, Dr. Kohler may on written notice to and prior approval of the Board engage another therapist. Respondent shall then serve a copy of this Order on the successor to Dr. McBride.

- c. In the event that Dr. Kohler violates any of the provisions of this Order, or, in the event that the Board receives any reliable information such as, but not limited to, a report of a confirmed positive urine from the party responsible for monitoring Dr. Kohler's urine, or information from any treating therapist or outpatient program which reveals evidence of substance abuse during the next two (2) years, the Attorney General may, on short notice, move before the Board or a designated Board member, for suspension or revocation of Dr. Kohler's license to practice dentistry or for any other relief as may be in the public interest.
- d. The Board's Executive Director shall serve a copy of this Order upon: Dr. McBride, New Beginnings, the Impaired Dentists Program or any individual succeeding to their respective monitoring functions.

RNOLD GRAHAM, D.D.S.

PRESIDENT

STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

I have read and understand the terms of the within Order and agree to be bound by them. I hereby consent to the entry of this Order.

MARY E. KOHLER, D.M.D.